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Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 450 Fifth Street NW Washington DC 20549 USA

Re: Brambles Industries plc Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption (File No. 82-5205)

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

The enclosed information is being submitted by Brambles Industries plc (the "Company") under paragraph (b) (1) (i) of Rule 12g3-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). The Company's file number is indicated in the upper right hand corner of each unbound page submitted with this letter.

In accordance with paragraphs (b) (4) and (b) (5) of the Rule, the documents submitted with this letter are being submitted with the understanding that such documents will not be deemed "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and that neither this letter nor the submission of such documents shall constitute an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the Exchange Act.

Yours faithfully,

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Sandra Walters
Assistant Company Secretary

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BRAMBLES INDUSTRIES LIMITED HOLDING IN COMPANY

On 22 August 2002, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and its subsidiaries notified the Australian Stock Exchange that they had become a substantial shareholder in Brambles Industries Limited on 16 August 2002. They now hold 47,666,576 shares in Brambles Industries Limited, which is 4.93% of its issued ordinary share capital.

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